

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Please cancel Figs. 16a-16b. In accordance with MPEP 608.02(t), an annotated copy of the drawing sheet that includes Fig. 16 is attached hereto.

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REMARKS

In view of the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. This amendment is believed to be fully responsive to all issues raised in the Office Action mailed
5 December 15, 2004.

Claim Objections/Rejections under 35 USC 112

The claims have been amended to address the claim objections and rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph.

10 Applicants traverse the rejection of claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. The text of paragraphs 90-91 clearly set forth the distinction between the PLDMC and the LMAPs associated with logical disks. Accordingly, the claims are in compliance with 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

Claim 7 has been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, the rejection of claim 7 under 35 U.S.C. §102 is rendered moot.

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CONCLUSION

Claims 1-6 are in believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the present application. Should any issue remain that prevents immediate issuance of the application, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney to discuss the unresolved issue.

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Respectfully Submitted,
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